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*Admission to M.B.B.S. Course*

* 72 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any interview has been conducted by the Director of Medical Services for direct admission to M.B.B.S. Course in July 1960; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Has the attention of the Hon. Minister been drawn to the signed letter written by one of the correspondents in "The Hindu" two months ago about this matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not remember to have looked into it.

*Roads and pathways*

MR. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member Sri A. K. Thangavel Mudaliar is not in his seat, the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the Official Report of the Proceedings.

* 73 Q.—SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to place on the table of the House a list showing (i) the number of roads and (ii) the number of pathways leading to burning grounds for Harijans to be formed in Perandur and Kancheepuram firkas in Chingleput district during the Third Five-Year Plan period?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (i) & (ii) The Collector of Chingleput has reported that five applications for the provision of pathways to Harijan colonies and to burial ground in Perandur firka are pending with his subordinate officers. As regards Kancheepuram firka, no application is pending. The pending applications would be enquired into and action taken. The details of such minor works to be undertaken during the Third Five-Year Plan period are not worked out in advance. They are undertaken by the Collectors as and when the need arises out of lump sum provisions made in the Budget.

*Municipal Market at Arni*

* 74 Q.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been received by the Government regarding the enhancement of rent of the stalls of the Municipal Market at Arni; and 3-10 p.m.

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received from certain stall holders in the Municipal Market at Arni and from the Madras State Perishable Article Dealers' Association, Madras, on behalf of the Arni Vegetable Merchants' Sangam.

(*b*) An appeal is now pending in the High Court against the acquittal of certain stall holders for non-payment of rent at enhanced rates. Pending disposal of this appeal by the High Court, no action could be taken on the said representations.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know whether the enhancement was made by the Municipal Council or by the Commissioner?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : I need notice of a separate question.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Was there any hartal by the stall-holders and if so, how long did that last?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : I have no information about it.

*Harassment of fishermen*

* 75 *Q.*—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instance of harassment of fishermen of the Verkot village to Rameswaram taluk by the Ceylon Police while they go for fishing operations near Kutch Islands between India and Ceylon has been brought to the notice of the Government and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : (*a*) Yes, Sir. A statement on the subject is placed on the Table of the House.

(*b*) The Government propose to request the Government of India to take up the matter with the Government of Ceylon.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : *தாங்கள் வழக்கமாக மீன பிடிக்கும் இடத்தில் மீன் பிடிக்கச் சென்ற நிரபராதிகளான ஏழை மீனவர்கள் கொடுமையாக அடிக்கப்பட்டும் துப்பாக்கியால் சுடப் பட்டும் துன்புறுத்தப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அப்படிச் செய்த சிலோன் அதிகாரிகள் மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க வேண்டுமென்று அரசாங்கம் மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தை கேட்டிருக்கிறதா ?*

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : *நமது அரசாங்கம் மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தோடு இதைப்பற்றி பேசவேண்டு மென்று நினைத்திருக்கிறது.*

(*a*) Printed as appendix on page 371 infra.